

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/721,095

Examiner

Nguyen N Hanh

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendments filed on 7/22/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 November 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. In view of amendments, the Examiner withdraws the rejection under 35 U.S.C 103 (a) to claims 1-9. Therefore, all the claims are in a condition for allowance. The addition of claims 10-12 has been acknowledged.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-12 are allowed.

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 1, the prior art of record does not show an end cap assembly for an electric motor comprising: a first brush cage, a second brush cage spaced from the first brush cage by 180 degrees, and provision selectively for locating a third and a fourth brush cage at a desired location circumferentially between the first and second brush cages; whereby said end cap is used in any of a single speed motor, a two speed motor and a two speed bi-directional motor by including 2, 3 or 4 brush cages, respectively.

Regarding claim 1, the prior art of record does not show an end cap assembly for an electric motor comprising: a first brush cage for holding a common brush; a second brush cage for holding a first speed brush; a location for a third brush cage for holding a second speed brush for a first direction, said third brush cage being selectively fixed to said end cap; a location for a fourth brush cage for holding a second speed brush for a second direction, said fourth brush cage being selectively fixed to the said end cap; said

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end cap assembly selectively including 2, 3 or 4 brushes for use in any of a single speed motor, a two speed motor, and a two speed bi-directional motor.

Conclusion

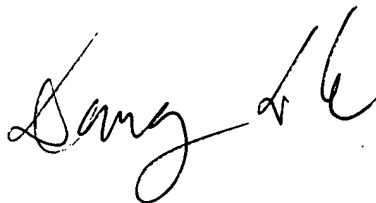
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hanh N Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2031. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberger, can be reached on (571) 272-2044. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 872-9306 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.

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September 24, 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dang Le', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**DANG LE
PRIMARY EXAMINER**